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Please delete the following paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5, as follows

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

~~This patent application is a (1) continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/288,556, which was filed April 9, 1999, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/008,020, which was filed January 16, 1998; (2) continuation-in-part of allowed U.S. Application Serial No. 08/486,264, which was filed June 7, 1995, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of abandoned U.S. Application Serial No. 08/217,051, which was filed March 24, 1994; and (3) continuation-in-part of allowed U.S. Application Serial No. 08/483,871, which was filed June 7, 1995, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of abandoned U.S. Application Serial No. 08/100,368, which was filed February 18, 1994. The entire disclosures of the above-identified patent applications are incorporated herein by reference and the benefit of each is hereby claimed.~~